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accountability. It was because the Republicans have thus power, that they have outraged the sentiments of their own partisans. It is because of the recent Democratic victories, that they begin to feel the necessity of commending themselves to the favor of the public. Will thoughtful conservative citizens check this wholesome change, before they have been confirmed in more vicious habits, by tempting them again with unchecked power?

not make this fatal mistake, and therefore I am confident we shall carry our

State and our Presidential ticket.  
I am, truly yours, etc.,  
(Signed) HOBART SEYMOUR.

**Bayonets and the Ballot Box.**

The ill-expressed, awkward and ungrammatical circular of Attorney General Taft to the marshals of the United States in which the bayonet, marked another measure of usurpation and military force on the part of the Radical conspirators, who have resolved to retain possession of the government at the point of the bayonet if they cannot accomplish their purpose by virtue of honest votes. If anything can arouse the people of this country to a sense of the grave danger to which they are now exposed of having their liberties destroyed by military power and the strong mailed hand of partisan despotism, these gradual advances made by Grant, towards the dragging of the Southern States, should suffice to reach their torpid consciences and dormant fears, and command prompt action to save the fragments of the Constitution which still remain intact from Radical spoliation. For the order of Taft, carefully and reluctantly expressed as it is, amounts to plain notice to the officials representing the United States military authority in the different judicial districts, that they are in effect armed with unlimited power to call on the soldiery, the militia and the general police force of the country into effect the dictation of Radical committees, and force the election of candidates who would be defeated if the popular will was left free and the polls were unchallenged by the naked sword. The proposition is a plain one in its effrontery and infamy, and worthy in all respects of the infamous inspiration which has sent it forth; that the honest white man, who has thus been endangered, the hand wherein the honest ballot has been lodged; and that the minority which justifies Grantism may be strengthened and seconded by the open aid of the sword, against the great popular majority which is ready to repudiate Grantism, and which only asks a fair poll and an untimid opportunity

on the 7th of November next.

Great part of the infamy of this document of Taft's arises from the fact that it has been deliberately issued in the teeth of a recent decision of the Supreme Court, which has held that the law enforces the Enforcement Law unconstitutional. That decision is, in effect, that some parts of the law may be in conformity, as others are undoubtedly in conflict with the provisions and restraints of the constitution; but that the sound and sound policy of the country would require that the court had no recourse except to pronounce the entire law null and void. The Attorney-General has the hardihood to allude to this decision, and to say, in effect, that the circular letter to the marshals has been issued in full knowledge of the purpose of the law, and of the ruling. But, with cunning appeal to the passions and issues of the past, which is the sole weapon and recourse now remaining to the Radical party, Mr. Taft endeavors to strengthen his interpretation of the powers of United States marshals, by alluding to the case of John Cushing, when the latter was the Attorney-General under a Democratic administration, and when the question applied to the arrest and remanding of fugitive slaves! This is the miserable subterfuge to which the Radical party has resorted, in the absence of all law and justice, and in direct defiance of a recent clear decision of the highest Federal court. The Attorney General attempts to bolster a bad case by citing an ancient ruling which it would be treason for any marshals to disobey, and to say that his own duty and himself would be equally prompt to cite under different circumstances, as an

evidence of the lawlessness and unscrupulousness of the Democratic party and its officials of the old regime!"

But it is not only the lawless and unscrupulousness of the Democratic party and its officials that is the cause of the present situation, but also the shameful character of this latest Radical emanation. It means war on the people; it is a plain array of bayonets and the drawn sword on one side, against the honest voters on the other. What will be the result of this martial order, worthy of Napoleon or Napoleon III? Shall its lawless consequences be avoided or prevented? We hope people will not permit themselves to be excited, and that there may be afforded as little pretext and occasion as possible for any interference on the part of the masses, or of negro militia; but if this hope is vain, and the polls are barricaded and the voters dragooned, there is no course open except to refuse to vote altogether, and leave the House of Representatives to act with decision when the Electoral College meets, and reject permanently the Democratic State Government, and to elect a new State Government to the Radical party, by the use of illegal power. If the Radical Senate should retaliate by the rejection of Democratic States, wherein the majority for Mr. Tilden was honorably won, the result will be a failure to elect, and the duty of making provision for the election of a new Democratic House. Possibly Mr. Grant will seek to checkmate these measures of a people's faithful representatives to protect them in the exercise of their civil rights, by arresting the House and assuming for himself the robes of dictator, and the result has already been prophesied, that he would never leave the White House alive; that bayonets had put him in and it would take bayonets to put him out. So Caesar may have his third term after all; but would not that be a righteous retribution upon Hayes for his cowardly and lawless measures now being adopted to force his nominal election? and would it not be a good thing for the Northern people to

find that the acts they had countenanced, for the murder of the liberties of the South, had resulted in the loss of their own rights, in the defeat of their candidate, and in the permanent erection of an irresponsible military despotism? The South, had resented the usurpation, the tendency and even the fruits of the latest bold usurpation of the Grant cabinet. At present no man can say what effect on the welfare, on the institutions, and even on the life of the Republic, the various circulars and orders of Taft, Cameron and Chandler will produce. One reflection affords us consolation: that those who take the sword will perish by the sword, and that the violent measures are likely to defeat Mr. Tilden and the will of the people, a great many people, in various places, will be hurt by that violence, before the evil thing shall have run its course and shed its evil course.—*Petersburg Index-Advertiser*.